



NEWS RELEASE

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REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 2 has completed a construction project to install flashing beacons on State Route 36 near the Antelope Elementary School in Red Bluff. The flashing beacons are intended to heighten motorist awareness of the reduced speed limit near the school and read, "Speed Limit 25 - When Children Are Present." The flashing beacons will be programmed to activate during the morning drop off and afternoon pickup times when school is in session. School starts August 19, 2009. After an initial trial period and with input from the school and the California Highway Patrol, the activation periods may be adjusted.

The project was initiated due to input and concerns from the school, Tehama County officials and the CHP about the traffic not heeding the 25 mph speed limit and public input that it was difficult to know when children were present. The flashing beacon system will help alert drivers to slow and watch for children. Similar projects have been successful at other locations in District 2.

Construction was completed by Cal Electro at a cost of \$75,000.

For more information please contact the Public Information Office at 530-225-3260.

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